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Mr. V. M. Ramaswami Mudaliyar:—" With reference to the appendix, may I ask what progress has been made in the matter of getting the information wanted? "

The Hon. Sir Archibald Campbell:—" We have not yet received any further information from the Mysore Government."

Mr. V. M. Ramaswami Mudaliyar:—" May I ask whether, in view of the fact that four or five months have now elapsed, any reminder has been sent to the Mysore Government to furnish the information? " 11-15 p.m.

The Hon. Sir Archibald Campbell:—" I will consider the hon. Member's suggestion."

Receipts under land-tax and water-tax from lands under the Cumbum tank, Kurnool district.

* 704 *Q.*—S. M. K. Beyabani Sahib Bahadur: Will the Hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether and when the Cumbum tank (Kurnool) was constructed by the Local Government and at what cost;

(*b*) the total area cultivated under the same and the land-tax and water-tax collected every year for two crops when there is water;

(*c*) the total expenditure incurred by the Government under the heads Establishment and Repairs every year from 1920; and

(*d*) whether it is a fact that a new tax called ' kudimarramatham ' is being collected from the ryots under the above tank?

A.—(*a*) The tank is of pre-British origin. The Government have no information as to when it was constructed or at what cost.

(*b*) The hon. Member's attention is invited to Statement I of Appendix II of the Public Works Department Administration Reports—Part II, Irrigation.

(*c*) The hon. Member's attention is invited to the C-1 statement in the administration reports referred to above.

(*d*) No. The Madras Compulsory Labour Act, 1858, applies.

Repairs to the bund of the irrigation tank at Gooty, Anantapur district.

* 705 *Q.*—Mr. G. Lakshmana Reddi: Will the Hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that the bund of the irrigation tank at Gooty (Anantapur district) is in a weak condition;

(*b*) whether a breach in the said bund was apprehended during the last rains owing to the sinking of a portion of it;

(*c*) whether there are fissures and cracks in the bund threatening breaches during the monsoon season; and

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(d) if so, whether the Government propose to take action to execute repairs to the bund before the next monsoon?

A.—(a) to (d) The Government have no information, but have called for a report.

Land Revenue Administration

Action taken by the Government on the motion for the reduction of the land revenue assessment by 25 per cent.

* 706 Q.—Mr. U. C. Subrahmanya Bhatt: Will the Hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state what action the Government have taken on the resolution of the Legislative Council asking for a remission of 25 per cent in the land revenue assessment?

A.—The Government adhere to the decisions embodied in G.Os. Nos. 2254, Revenue, dated 15th December 1933, and 72, Revenue, dated 10th January 1934, which have been published.

Mr. V. M. Ramaswami Mudaliyar:—"May I ask whether the Government have since revised their decision on this question?"

The Hon. Sir Archibald Campbell:—"No, Sir."

Relief to members of the Depressed Classes in Sattur taluk, Ramnad district, for damage sustained by floods.

* 707 Q.—Mr. M. Devadasan: Will the Hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) what the extent of the damage caused is to the person and property of the people of the Sattur taluk in Ramnad district by the recent floods;

(b) how many of the Depressed Classes have been rendered homeless; and

(c) what the relief offered to them is, and when it was done?

A.—(a) & (b) Three lives were lost; 1,200 families were rendered homeless in Sattur town and about 200 in outside villages. An extract [a] from the Collector's report about damage to private property is laid on the table. No separate information about depressed classes in Sattur taluk has been given.

(c) The Government sanctioned grants amounting to Rs. 1,100 for the relief of distress caused by the floods. The floods occurred on the 10th of November and the poor were fed on the 10th, 11th and 12th. Free grants of timber were made for rebuilding houses. The Government do not know how much of the relief was given to members of the Depressed Classes.

[a] Printed as Appendix II on page 335 infra.